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SUBJECT: MILITARY SURVEY TEAM AND F-5 DELIVERY TO KENYA

I. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF ADDRESSEE POSTS THAT THIRTEEN MAN JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM HEADED BY ARMY MAJOR GENERAL JOHN G. HILL, JR. IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NAIROBI ON MARCH 17 TO ASSESS KENYAN DEFENSE NEEDS. THE DECISION TO SEND THE TEAM WAS MADE DURING THE VISIT OF A SENIOR KENYAN DELEGATION LED BY VICE PRESIDENT MOI EARLY IN MARCH AND PRIOR TO SIAD BARRE'S AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN.

2. IN ADDITION, THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED AN AIR FORCE GENERAL OFFICER TO BE PRESENT IN NAIROBI FOR THE CEREMONIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DELIVERY OF KENYA'S FIRST F-5E/F ON MARCH 31. THESE SIX AIRCRAFT
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AND SIX OTHERS WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED LATER THIS SPRING WERE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA IN 1976. DELIVERY DATES HAVE BEEN FIRM FOR SOME TIME AND NO RPT NO SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO MARCH 31 DELIVERY DATE.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE ARRIVAL IN KENYA OF TWO US GENERAL OFFICERS, A MILITARY SURVEY TEAM AND A MONSTER

C-5 BEARING THE FIRST F-5S, ALL AT A TIME WHEN HORN DEVELOPMENTS ARE TAKING DRAMATIC TURNS, COULD BE WIDELY MISINTERPRETED, ESPECIALLY IN MOGADISCIO AND ADDIS ABABA. ACCORDINGLY, ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD, AT THEIR DISCRETION, UNDERTAKE TO REGISTER FOLLOWING POINTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS:

--ARRIVAL OF F-5S AND SURVEY TEAM QUITE FORTUITOUS.
F5 ARRIVAL REPRESENTS CULMINATION OF PROCESS STARTED TWO YEARS AGO.

--SURVEY TEAM WAS OUTCOME OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN US AND KENYAN OFFICIALS. PURPOSE IS TO ASSESS KENYA'S SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND IDENTIFY

WAYS IN WHICH US, TOGETHER WITH OTHER WESTERN POWERS,
MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO KENYA'S SECURITY.

--KENYA HAS LONG PRACTICED POLICY OF RESTRAINT IN
ACQUISITION OF ARMS. MEANWHILE, ACQUISITION OF ARMS BY
KENYA'S NEIGHBORS HAS GONE ON APACE. ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA
CONFLICT HAS HIGHLIGHTED FACT THAT KENYA IS LOCATED IN A
VOLATILE PART OF THE WORLD. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS
ONLY PRUDENT FOR KENYA TO HAVE SUFFICIENT DEFENSIVE
CAPABILITY TO DETER ADVENTURISM FROM WELL-ARMED NEIGHBORS.

--GIVEN LONG AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KENYA AND
US, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT KENYA SHOULD LOOK TO US, AS
WELL AS OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND THAT US SHOULD BE
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PREPARED TO GIVE KENYAN REQUEST SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION.

5. FOR ALL ACTION AND INFO ADDRESSEES: PLEASE BE
SURE YOUR PRESS SECTION AND/OR PAOS ARE AWARE OF THIS
POTENTIAL PROBLEM AND ARE PREPARED TO INFORM PRESS OF
ACTUAL FACTS ON IF ASKED BASIS. WE WILL INFORM YOU WHEN
WE HAVE CLEARED PRESS GUIDANCE ON F-5 DELIVERY AND
SURVEY TEAM. VANCE

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